

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
OF BIRCHWOOD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT  
PARKERS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE, DELENTY DRIVE, RISLEY  
ON TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Present:** Councillor Atkin in the Chair  
Councillors Allman, Bowden, Breslin, Evans, Fitzsimmons,  
M. Hearldon, and T. Hearldon

Clerk – Mrs. F. McDonald  
Deputy Clerk – Mrs. C Caddock  
Business and Finance Officer - Mr. G. Crowe

**Apologies:** Councillors D. Ellis, J. Ellis, Nelson and Reeves  
PCSO Jones

177/18-19 **JULY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Councillor Fitzsimmons proposed, Councillor Evans seconded and it was resolved that: The Minutes of the July Town Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.**

**Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interests**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when the item is reached.

*Councillors Allman, Evans, M. Hearldon and T. Hearldon – the Friends of Birchwood Forest Park*

*Councillors Allman and Evans – Oakwood Community Association*

*Councillors Bowden and Breslin – Birchwood Youth & Community Centre Committee*

*Councillors Atkin, Bowden, Breslin, T. Hearldon and M. Hearldon – Birchwood Carnival Committee*

178/18-19 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(a) **Police Monthly Update**

There was no Police presence at tonight's meeting. However, PCSO Gina Jones had emailed a brief report to the Council earlier in the day, relating to occurrences reported to Cheshire Police during August and September (to date) 2018, as follows:

**Birchwood Report to 25/09/2018**

The figures of occurrences reported to Cheshire Police for the Birchwood ward for August / September 2018 are as follows:

**Burglary, theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle**

1. There have been no instances of burglary.
2. There have been no instances of burglary other than in a dwelling this month.
3. There have been 3 instances of theft from a motor vehicle this month. All have occurred around the Redshank Lane area and have had windscreen wipers taken from the vehicle.
4. There have been no instances of theft of motor vehicle.

### Anti-Social behaviour

1. There have been a few incidents of ASB reported around the Admirals Road area where the local takeaway, Shun Hing Supper Bar, has been affected. Some of the incidents have been caught on CCTV footage and are currently being looked at by Officers.
2. There were a few incidents in August still being reported at Birchwood Golf Club. Gina spoke with a resident who could identify some of the youths in the vicinity which allowed her to do a follow up visit at their home addresses. We have since had no further reports.
3. One incident of youths throwing stones on Glover Road. No one seen in the area at the time of incident.

### Traffic management

Unfortunately, Gina was unable to take the speed equipment out when she had booked it out on the return from her holiday due to not having access to transport. She now has it booked out twice a month and will continue to carry out enforcement.

We are still awaiting confirmation for site codes as requested for Admirals Road and Warrington Road but Gina will take out the speed advisory sign in the meantime.

### Other incidents of note

1. Theft of pushbike at Birchwood Train Station. Being dealt with by British Transport Police.
2. Three reports of shoplifting offences at Aldi Birchwood, all positive outcomes and offenders dealt with appropriately.
3. We have had an incident reported of a suspected exposure incident near to Locking Stumps School. Gina has liaised with the Headteacher at the school who states this was originally reported to himself as a male urinating. There have been no further reports of a similar nature.
4. A warrant was carried out in Birchwood where a small cannabis grow was found, drugs and cash were seized and 3 vehicles recovered.
5. This morning (25/09/18) has seen 3 x warrants carried out in Birchwood, results of these warrants are still unknown and will be reported back for the next meeting.

The Clerk said that the office has made enquiries as to whether the PCSO/PC shifts could be adjusted on the Town Council meeting days to enable a Police representative to be at our meetings; it was indicated to us that this was not possible.

### (b) Public Participation

As there were no members of the public present, the Chair declared the Public Participation part of the meeting closed.

## 179/18-19 SPEEDING ON GLOVER ROAD, ADMIRALS ROAD AND WARRINGTON ROAD

- (a) The Clerk stated that, as reported above, the Police are still awaiting confirmation for site codes for Glover Road, Admirals Road and Warrington Road, prior to being able to undertake speed enforcement operations
- (b) The Clerk reported that she has asked the Warrington Borough Council if they are 'on track' in relation to a request for speed strips to be put down to monitor Warrington Road on the approach to Risley Village from Culcheth; to enable data to be collected.

The Borough Council has informed us that it has a small batch of surveys to go out this week; which will include the locations discussed.

## 180/18-19 MEETING WITH BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Clerk said that a meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 during which various operational matters were discussed.

The Borough Council has indicated that it will continue mowing on a Monday to Thursday basis as long as weather permits. The recent weather conditions have meant the grass is continuing to grow quickly. The Town Council will continue the intermediate cuts until the Borough ceases to mow for the season. The Borough Council will use the Fridays, when they are not mowing, to undertake some landscaping work.

The Town Council is starting its next round of intermediate cutting a week sooner than usual due to the speed at which the grass is growing – as the mowers we have will not cut the grass if it gets too long. The mowers that the Borough Council uses can cut much longer grass.

The Clerk reported that the main routes into Birchwood; Birchwood Park Avenue and Birchwood Way, have not been cut as they are currently under the control and management of Balfour Beatty; due to the next phase of the Warrington East roadwork improvements.

The Borough Council will be discussing the matter with Balfour Beatty, as the routes cannot remain unmown.

Another matter discussed with the Borough Council was weeds in road gutters and on some of the roundabouts. It has been alleged that some of the weed spraying that should have been done may have been missed. The Borough Council is looking into the matter.

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council's large flail has been cutting along the Brook Footpath today. This has prompted several telephone calls to the office from people complaining that the height has not been taken off the hedging/shrubbery. The Clerk added that she will contact the Borough Council to ask whether the height will be reduced at a later date.

**Action** Clerk's office to enquire whether the height of hedging on the Brook Footpath, affecting residents' properties, is scheduled to be taken down.

## 181/18-19 LEAKING WALL ADJACENT TO FIRE STATION

The Clerk reported that The Woodland Trust has updated us regarding this matter.

The work has been done on the wall, ditch and pond near the fire station. The contractors sealed the wall on the ditch side and cleared branches, logs and mud from the bottom of the pond which will, hopefully, prevent the footpath flooding if there is a lot of wet weather.

The resident who made the initial enquiry has been informed.

## 182/18-19 YOUR HOUSING GROUP (YHG)

The Clerk said that a list of items discussed during the walkabout that took place on 4<sup>th</sup> July was circulated to Members in their papers.

The next walkabout is scheduled for Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, meeting at 10.30am by Thomas Risley Church. Five Councillors have so far indicated that they hope to be able to attend.

YHG has letter dropped their tenants in the roads that are to be covered to inform them of the walkabout and invite them to join it, if they wish.

Councillor Evans enquired how any issues raised by tenants during the walkabout will be followed up.

The Clerk stated that YHG plan to send a representative along to the Tenant's Group and also arrange a drop-in session for tenants to be able to raise issues directly with a member of YHG staff. YHG is aiming to become more accessible again to their tenants.

Councillor T. Hearldon commented that issues still remain with YHG contractors 'dumping' arisings from hedgecutting in bushes; or leaving them in place, where they have been cut.

#### 183/18-19 **MEETING WITH THE NEW SHOPPING CENTRE MANAGER**

The Clerk advised that a meeting with Mr. Gribben, the new Shopping Centre Manager, took place on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Mr. Gribben confirmed that there will be some car park resurfacing on the Aldi side of the car parks and essential repairs undertaken on some other sections.

There are currently no plans for additional retail expansion. The old Poundland unit may be split into two smaller units to make it more attractive to potential businesses.

There was also a discussion about the use of harvested rainwater. The process of using this water will require some adjustment for 2019; perhaps by installing a pump to improve efficiency.

#### 184/18-19 **REQUEST FOR PLANTER – COPPERFIELD CLOSE**

The Clerk reported that we have chased this matter but have not yet received a reply from the Borough Council.

**Resolved:** Clerk's office to continue to liaise with the Borough Council regarding this matter

Councillor Fitzsimmons said that previously the Town Council had enquired with the Borough Council about installing flower baskets on railings and we had been told we could not install them. However, he has noticed that in Burtonwood, a lot of the railings appear to have flower baskets on them and also in Wigan (although not within Warrington) lots of the roadside railings have flower baskets on them.

Councillor Fitzsimmons said that it would be nice to have baskets on the railings in Oakwood near the shop/public house and also on the railings in Locking Stumps. He suggested contacting the Clerk at Burtonwood Parish Council to ask how they obtained permission.

**Resolved:** Clerk's office to contact the Burtonwood Parish Clerk regarding this matter

Councillor T. Hearldon suggested that it would be nice to have flowers planted either side of the new zebra crossing on Admirals Road.

Members suggested that this be looked into further when the development is completed – perhaps asking YHG if they would consider getting involved with this, as they will be managing the new development and it would enhance their site.

#### 185/18-19 **STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

As Councillor D. Ellis is unable to attend tonight's meeting, there is no update this month.

#### 186/18-19 **PLANNING UPDATE**

Application No. 2018/32799 Unit A4 Birchwood Shopping Centre, Benson Road, Birchwood WA3 7PG Change of Use – Proposed change of use from its current state of an A1 hairdressers to an A5-Hot Food Takeaway was refused.

The application has been resubmitted as Application No. 2018/33273.

187/18-19 **PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON CHATFIELD DRIVE**

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a Traffic Management Consultant at the Borough Council on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018, which was circulated to Members in their papers.

Part of the email states: “ . . . *since the town council has informed the borough council that . . . the vast majority of residents will be in favour of extending the existing restrictions on Chatfield Drive, officers will now get together a proposal plan which will be sent to the local ward members within the next couple of months before the scheme is formally advertised for a period of 21 days. During that 21 day period, if the proposal receives any objections that cannot be resolved, then the scheme will need to be discussed at a future traffic committee meeting.*”

We have not yet heard anything further.

In addition, the Town Council had contacted the Borough Council requesting that the 20mph speed limit be continued past the high school and we have been informed that: “*One of our road safety colleagues will be in touch regarding the request for an extension to the 20mph speed limit.*”

We are still awaiting to hear from the Borough Council regarding the speed limit.

188/18-19 **QUERY RE: POTENTIAL FOR A DESIGNATED DOG AREA IN BIRCHWOOD**

At the July meeting, following further discussion regarding this issue (first discussed at the June meeting) Councillor Fitzsimmons said that Cheshire Police have a Dog Unit and suggested asking them for advice.

The Clerk stated that there was an email in the late papers, from a representative of the Police Force regarding this matter (also circulated to Members via email prior to the meeting). The Clerk added that the Officer was willing to meet with Members to discuss it further, if required.

The Clerk asked Members, considering the content of the Officer’s email, previous discussions undertaken by the Town Council and comments received from the Borough Council in relation to the similar fenced-off dog areas already in place in Warrington – are they minded to take this proposal any further?

Councillor Fitzsimmons commented that the proposal could be put out for further consultation.

Councillor Evans said that the area does not need to be on the Forest Park. He suggested that there is an area just after the underpass leading towards Keyes Close which might be suitable to use for a designated dog area.

Councillor Bowden stated that the location of an area is not really the issue and that the experience of the Borough Council is that these fenced-off dog parks all seem to become littered with dog dirt. Orford Park is one area in question – where irresponsible owners spoil the use of the area for the respectful owners. Unfortunately, there are not enough resources available to monitor the area, or to keep them cleaned, to mow the grass, etc.

Councillor Breslin stated that he does not know anyone who has used these areas, or who lives near them, who like them.

Councillor Bowden added that there are also issues of potential dog aggression within the fenced-off areas, as some dogs are not properly controlled by their owners.

The Clerk commented that it is very unlikely, especially given the additional funding cuts that the Borough Council will have to manage next year, that the Borough would be able to offer any financial assistance towards installing a dog area and the Town Council does not currently have this as an item it has made provision for.

Councillor Allman suggested that perhaps additional signage could be installed around the park, reminding dog owners that it is their legal responsibility to keep their dog under full control – and to clean up after them.

Councillor Bowden said that this has been tried in the past and it worked for a while. However, those who are willing to be educated will take notice and those who are not will just ignore the information. There would need to be a warden on site at all times to enforce any signage.

Councillor Breslin commented that the Borough Council relies on evidence to be able to prosecute – which is not easy to obtain.

Councillor Atkin said that previous discussions have also indicated that if a dog area is installed, it might lead to restrictions in other areas of the park – i.e. meaning that dogs might have to be kept on leads at all times unless they are in the fenced-off area – this might discourage some dog owners from visiting the park.

Councillor Atkin stated that from the discussions at tonight's meeting he would summarise that the Town Council does not currently wish to pursue this further.

It was unanimously **resolved** by those Members present that, following detailed discussions by Members and consideration of comments received from other informed organisations/parties, the Town Council does not currently wish to pursue a proposal for a fenced-off dog area.

### **NEW ITEMS RAISED UNDER THE CLERK'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

#### 189/18-19 **WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

- (a) Received – notification of the Parish Liaison Meeting taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The Clerk has requested the agenda include an overview and an indication, based on the level of Council Tax Support (being withdrawn by WBC) in each ward, of the impact this might have on Parishes in 2019/2020.

The Clerk informed Members of the other items on the agenda for the meeting. She said that the invitation to the meeting has been extended to any Councillors who might wish to attend. The Clerk will be attending.

Councillor Atkin said that he hopes to be able to attend, as several important issues are on the agenda for discussion.

- (b) Received – Warrington Rights of Way Forum – minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 meetings, notification that the next meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and a list of 2019 meeting dates.
- (c) Received – Correspondence re: the recording of the footpath from Birchwood Way to Locking Stumps Lane on the definitive rights of way map.
- (d) Following an accident at the junction of Delenty Drive and Powell Avenue, various emails were sent between the office, WBC and Councillor Atkin (who helped tend to a cyclist until an ambulance arrived.)

A request for a 'Give Way' sign at the junction was turned down by WBC; however, the 'Give Way' road markings have been repainted.

- (e) Received – Minutes from the Oakwood Community Association Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and notification that the Oakwood Community Centre refurbishment begins on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- (f) Sent to WBC – details of complaints received about overflowing litter bins in several areas; where WBC has responsibility for emptying them.
- (g) Emails sent/received re: the provision of the (basic) cycle storage provision at Birchwood Leisure Centre.
- (h) Received/sent – updates re: WE2 roadworks and a query re: the Blackbrook road markings (under review).
- (i) Sent/received – various emails re: landscaping, weedspraying and flytipping issues; including a query re: WBC’s position on Himalayan Balsam; classed as an invasive plant, which is in parts of Birchwood (discussed during the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September).
- (j) Sent/Received – emails re: a request for a warning sign re: hedgehogs crossing the road. WBC states that signs of this nature are not permitted under The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
- (k) Sent – email re: queries from Thomas Risley Church re: their plans for a Remembrance event (permission has been received from WBC). They also would like information / regarding the Memorial and surrounding graveyard at Cross Lane South. We are liaising with WBC at present to confirm ownership of the graveyard.
- (l) Received – Details from Neighbourhoods in Warrington re: how they can support local clubs or groups to host a Blighty Club – to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War 1.
- (m) Sent – following a phone conversation with a resident – email requesting assistance in identifying ownership and responsibility for maintenance of some very overgrown, ‘spikey’ hedging on Keyes Close, which is allegedly causing safety issues.

190/18-19 **BIRCHWOOD FORUM**

- (a) Received – Details of various upcoming events including an ‘Employee and Workplace Health Event’ and an ‘Invitation to an Evening with Beth Tweddle MBE.
- (b) Received – ‘Transport for the North’ update – July 2018 and notification that smart motorway technology between junctions 10 - 18 of the M60 is now live. Also planned road work updates for the North West.
- (c) Received – invitation to a networking breakfast.

191/18-19 **YOUR HOUSING GROUP (YHG)**

- (a) A walkabout has been arranged to take place on Tuesday 2nd October, 2018, meeting at 10.30am by the Thomas Risley Church in Locking Stumps (see 180/18-19 above). The Town Council has received a copy of the letter sent to YHG tenants.
- (b) Sent/received –emails re: ongoing flytipping and a damaged wall on Whitethroat Walk and flytipping on the Redshank Estate. YHG are sending letters to their tenants on Whitethroat Walk, advising them that flytipping will impact on their service charges and incidents should be reported to YHG immediately.

The Clerk reported that as the container has not been emptied for some time (YHG are chasing this) the Town Council is unable to move any of the flytipped items from the YHG estates as there is nowhere to put it. We are also receiving reports that residents are starting to dump items at the side of the container and that animals are defecating on and around these items.

Councillor Evans asked about the collapsed wall, which has not yet been dealt with.

The Clerk replied that she has reported the wall several times. This is not something the Town Council can deal with.

- (c) Sent/received – emails re: an alleged ‘abandoned’ YHG property in Locking Stumps.
- (d) The Clerk reported that notes from the meeting that took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 with YHG had been circulated to Members in their papers.

#### 192/18-19 **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Received – Various update/information emails from Warrington Voluntary Action.
- (b) Received – Query from a resident re: ownership of/responsibility for some land in Mansfield Close and the removal of green waste dumped on it to enable it to be used as parking spaces. Following enquiries, it appears the land is privately owned. The resident was advised to check their property deeds/those of neighbouring properties, which might indicate who has responsibility for maintaining the land.
- (c) Sent/received – emails regarding ownership of/responsibility for a path that runs between 18 and 19 Whittlewood Close in Gorse Covert as it needs some maintenance. The Land Trust does not own the path and WBC informed us that it is unadopted and may potentially be owned by an adjacent property.
- (d) Correspondence re: a request from Hastings Direct for CCTV footage of a road traffic accident. Organisations that might have CCTV in the area of the incident were suggested to Hastings Direct.
- (e) Emails re: Smart Motorway Projects – M62 Junctions 10-12 and the M6 Junction 21a/26. The Community Liaison Manager for the M6 21a/26 scheme (to commence Spring 2019) has offered to meet with Councillors and has asked what level of updates the Town Council would like to receive.
- (f) Received – details of the Big Lottery ‘Building Connections Fund’.
- (g) Sent/received – Emails re: the best way for BTC to be able to utilise the shopping centre’s rainwater harvest watering tanks; as there are manual handling issues and it is a slow process (see also Minute 181/18-19 above).
- (h) We have been copied into an email to Sellafield from a resident; concerned that staff/contractors are smoking in public areas and leaving their cigarette ends and discarded packets on the ground.
- (i) Received (with very short notice) / Sent – emails between Councillor D. Ellis and Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald regarding the possibility of a Birchwood community project being nominated for support from the company. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to put a proposal together.



- (j) Received by Councillor Atkin (with short notice) from The Environment Partnership – a request for an interview to understand the perspective of the Town Council on Birchwood’s landscape; 50 years on.

Councillor Atkin emailed Members to ask for their approval of him giving an interview, making it clear that his comments are from a personal point of view (as there was no time for Members to meet to put together a considered, joint response).

Councillor Atkin confirmed that he had given an interview, in a personal capacity, commenting on some of the issues involved in maintaining a large amount of greenery.

- (k) Received – posters for: the September Friends of Gorse Covert Mounds meeting.
- (l) Received – invitation from Birchwood Lions to the Birchwood Service of Remembrance 2018, taking place at the shopping centre Memorial, meeting at 10.30am, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Lions have requested a confirmation of expected attendance.

Six of the Councillors at the meeting stated that they hope to attend.

**Action** Clerk’s office to contact Birchwood Lions with initial numbers.

- (m) Received – Poster re: a guided walk on 29<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 12 noon, meeting at Gorse Covert Mounds relating to the restoration of Pestfurlong Moss.
- (n) Received/sent – emails re: from a parent at Birchwood Primary School asking whether the Town Council would like to engage with/support a Birchwood Clean-up and Waste Awareness Program – proposal included.

The Clerk stated that our Maintenance Team would not be able to take part with any clean up with the children, as they are not DBS checked. She added that the Team visited one of the areas raised as a ‘hot spot’ by the parent and cleaned it up.

The Senior Maintenance Officer informed the office that this, in his opinion, is not a suitable area for children to litter pick or play in. It is an area known to be used as a ‘hang-out’ and often has broken glass, bio hazards, alcohol cans and drug wrappers left in the area. There is also the possibility for needles or other sharps to be hidden under the leaves or in the grass.

The Team is cautious when working in such areas, even with full personal protective wear and the correct equipment and training.

The Clerk said that she believes that it would perhaps be more effective for the school to leave their grounds un-picked for a few weeks and for the children to then litter pick the litter dropped by themselves/their peers/parents, etc. or that has blown onto the grounds.

The Town Council can help by lending them some short litter picking sticks and giving them some bags to use.

The Clerk informed Members that we have contacted the Borough Council to ask whether it still offers an education and awareness programme, of the type that used to be delivered to schools by Phil Chadwick when he worked at the Borough Council.

Unfortunately, the Borough Council no longer has resources available to undertake such programmes instead they pointed us/the school to the Keep Britain Tidy site.

Members discussed the issue and agreed with the concerns raised and to put the suggestion to the school about cleaning within their own grounds.

**Action** Clerk’s office to contact the parent to explain the Town Council’s position and concerns.

- (o) Received – various iCAN alerts and a poster from the Post Office re: Scam Mail.
- (p) Received - Complaint/request from a resident of Risley Village regarding speeding on Warrington Road, through Risley Village. The resident asked whether Speed Indicator signs, such as those that are installed in Culcheth and Croft could be installed on both approaches to Risley Village. They were advised that this would have to be done by WBC. They are contacting WBC directly.
- (q) Received – Update ‘newsletter’ re: North West Smart Motorways ‘100 Miles of Extra Lanes’.
- (r) Received – Notification from E-on that they want to check the smart meter re: lights on the sports field at Locking Stumps – they have to arrange this with the primary school.

193/18-19 **CHESHIRE POLICE**

Received – copies of various Police Alerts and the August 2018 Stakeholder Bulletin.

194/18-19 **CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CHALC), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC), SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (SLCC)**

- (a) Received – ChALC weekly e-bulletins.
- (b) Received - NALC Chief Executive Bulletins and NALC Newsletters.
- (c) Received – SLCC – various News bulletins and details of conferences, training and branch meetings.

195/18-19 **PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Various LGC magazines & e-mail Briefings  
 Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2018  
 The Clerk – September 2018

196/18-19 **MEMBERS’ REFERRALS MADE VIA THE CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING**

There were no Members’ referrals made prior to the publication of the Clerk’s Report.

197/18-19 **CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT AND OBSERVATION AND OTHER RELATED PLANNING ISSUES**

(a) **Warrington Borough Council**

Development Management Committee meeting documents for 12/9/18. One application specific to Birchwood was on the main agenda: Application No. 2018/33048 The Village Pre-School, Gorse Covert Primary School, WA3 6TS. Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 2008/12502, to allow the continued siting of a temporary mobile classroom for a further temporary period expiring on 15/05/2023. Recommended for approval.

198/18-19 **ENFORCEMENT CASES**

Lists of enforcement cases recently opened/closed have been received.

## 199/18-19 PLANNING APPEAL

Received on 25/7/18 - Appeal Ref. APP/M0655/W/18/3203791 re: Planning Application 2017/31147, New Hall Farm, Birchwood, WA3 6LH: Proposed re-use & extension of agricultural barn to accommodate a facility for the generation of electricity from gas & storage of electricity in batteries, etc. (full description available in the office).

We received correspondence from a resident re: their ongoing concerns about the proposed development/appeal.

WBC confirmed all previous comments made by the Town Council and residents and those made by Councillors and residents at the Development Management Committee Meeting were forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

An additional comment was sent to the Planning Inspectorate, reaffirming the Town Council's strong objections.

## 200/18-19 PLANNING DECISIONS

- (a) Application No. 2018/32799 Unit 4, Birchwood Shopping Centre. Proposed change of use from an A1 Hairdressers to an A5 Hot Food Takeaway. **Refused**
- (b) Application No. 2018/32860 3 Aspull Close, Birchwood, WA3 7NE. Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey side/rear extension. **Approved with conditions**
- (c) Application No. 2018/33162 43 Inglewood Close, Birchwood, WA3 6UJ. Lawful Development Certificate – proposed single storey rear extension with new conservatory. **Approved with conditions**
- (d) Application No. 2018/33033 430 Birchwood Boulevard, Birchwood, WA3 7WD. Proposed 3 x signage onto external face of building. **Approved with conditions.**
- (e) Application No. 2018/33082 25 Montcliffe Close, Birchwood, WA3 7LX. Proposed single storey side extension to provide kitchen and bathroom. **Approved with conditions.**
- (f) Application No. 2018/33077 Unit E1 Trident Business Park, Birchwood. Proposed change of use from a precision sports car engineering business (B1) to a gymnastics club (D2). **Approved with conditions.**
- (g) Application No. 2018/32943 430 Birchwood Boulevard, Birchwood, WA3 7WD. Proposed grills for ventilation to rear of the building on second floor. **Approved with conditions**

## 201/18-19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All plans can be viewed via:

[http://www.warrington.gov.uk/home/transport\\_planning\\_and\\_environment/Planning/Search\\_planning\\_applications/](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/home/transport_planning_and_environment/Planning/Search_planning_applications/)

Certain applications are not Planning Applications; therefore there is no statutory opportunity to allow 21 days for comments, e.g: Non material amendment applications, Lawful development certificates (S192) and 28 day prior approval/determination applications. These types of applications are received for information only.

- (a) Application No. 2018/33281 Land at Kelvin Street, Birchwood Park. Proposed widening of existing road.
- (b) Application No. 2018/33259 Part Ground Floor Unit A, The Beacons, WA3 6WX. Proposed redecoration of existing windows/doors/soffits & fascias and application of solar film to entrance glazing.
- (c) Application No. 2018/33271 62 Inglewood Close, Birchwood, WA3 6UJ. Proposed conservatory to the side elevation.
- (d) Application No. 2018/33213 Area of vacant land adjacent to Daten Avenue, WA3 6YN. Proposed Reserved Matters Approval to develop 5 industrial units (Use Class B2/B8) with associated office space (expected to be occupied as ancillary accommodation; potentially as use Class B1a office as part of a mixed B1a/B2 and/or B8 development) and works on the application site with landscaping proposals.
- (e) Application No. 2018/33273 Unit 4, Birchwood Shopping Centre. Proposed change of use from an A1 Hairdressers to an A5 Hot Food Takeaway. (Resubmission of 2018/32799)
- (f) Application No. 2018/33437 Birchwood Community High School, Brock Road, WA3 7PT. Proposed discharge of condition 3 (method statement) on approved application 2018/32045
- (g) Application No. 2018/33426 Asda Superstore, 1 Dewhurst Road, WA3 7PG. Proposed installation of single lane drive-thru canopy
- (h) Application No. 2018/33427 Asda Superstore, 1 Dewhurst Road. Proposed fascia & other signs.
- (i) Application No. 2018/33479 21 Woolmer Close, Birchwood, WA3 6TT. Proposed single storey side extension, two storey rear extension with hipped roof, new front porch extension with pitched roof and new 2m high rear boundary fence.

**This part of the meeting concluded at 6.40 pm.**